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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF PAST B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY INVOLVEMENT
WITH U.S.S.R.

REF: MOSCOW 4334, MAY 8, 1972

1. IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT OF B. F. GOODRICH COMPANY OFFICIALS
TO U.S.S.R. SEPTEMBER 2-16 TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN
CONSTRUCTION TIRE PRODUCTION FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH KAMA PROJECT
(SEE REFTEL) COMPANY IS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE VALIDITY OF
RECURRING REPORTS OF NEGATIVE BFG NEGOTIATING EXPERIENCE WITH U.S.S.R
IN PAST 4-5 YEARS. COMPANY OFFICIALS HERE ARE UNABLE PINPOINT
SOURCE OF REPORT AND HAVE NO RECORD OF SUCH AN EXPERIENCE.
THEY WANT TO BE PREPARED WITH ANSWER HOWEVER, IF, SOVIETS IN FACT
HAVE A COMPLAINT TO RAISE.

ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CHECKING B. F.
GOODRICH COMPANY FILE FOR ANY RECORD OF NEGATIVE NEGOTIATING
EXPERIENCE WITH U.S.S.R.

2. FOR NAIROBI, ATTENTION RALPH LINDSTROM. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU
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CAN RECOLLECT ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT DURING YOUR TOUR IN MOSCOW.

3. USNATO, BRUSSELS, ATTENTION TOM NILES. SAME AS PARA. 2.
 4. FYI--SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION, ITINERARY, AND OBJECTIVE
- B. F. GOODRICH DELEGATION WILL BE CABLED UPON RECEIPT OF THAT
INFORMATION FROM COMPANY, WHICH IS EXPECTED SHORTLY. ROGERS

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